

8A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

- a Complete the conversation with the past tense of the verb in the brackets.
Be careful with **+**, **-**, and **?**.

A new life

Inspector Granger OK, Mr Thomas. Please just relax and tell me the problem.

Mr Thomas It's my wife. She ¹went (go) out yesterday evening. And she ²_____ (not come) back.

Inspector Granger When ³_____ (you / see) your wife for the last time?

Mr Thomas Yesterday evening, at about nine thirty.

Inspector Granger Tell me what happened yesterday. ⁴_____ (you / do) anything unusual?

Mr Thomas No, it ⁵_____ (be) just a normal day. We ⁶_____ (wake up) at seven. I ⁷_____ (have) breakfast. Then I ⁸_____ (drive) to work. My wife ⁹_____ (not have) breakfast. In the morning I think she ¹⁰_____ (go) shopping. She ¹¹_____ (come) home at lunchtime. I don't know what she ¹²_____ (do) in the afternoon. She probably ¹³_____ (make) the dinner.

Inspector Granger When ¹⁴_____ (you / come) home?

Mr Thomas I ¹⁵_____ (arrive) home at about seven thirty. I ¹⁶_____ (sit) down and ¹⁷_____ (read) the newspaper, and ¹⁸_____ (check) my emails. We ¹⁹_____ (have) dinner at about eight. After dinner, I ²⁰_____ (watch) TV. I ²¹_____ (go to sleep) in my chair.

Inspector Granger ²²_____ (you / speak) to your wife at all? What ²³_____ (she / say) to you?

Mr Thomas We ²⁴_____ (not talk) during dinner. After dinner she ²⁵_____ (say), 'This isn't a life. I need to go out.' She ²⁶_____ (call) a taxi. I ²⁷_____ (hear) the taxi about fifteen minutes later. She ²⁸_____ (take) her bag and her coat and ²⁹_____ (close) the door. She ³⁰_____ (not say) goodbye.

Inspector Granger I see, Sir. I think I know why she ³¹_____ (leave).



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- b Read the story again. Then cover it. Can you remember five things that Mr and Mrs Thomas did yesterday?